15. **SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS** 

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## Socio-economic Impacts Supporting Information

Socio-economic impacts will vary among the alternatives. The highest rank will be given the alternatives with the least socio-economic impacts.

#### **Definition**

"Socio-economic Impacts" include adverse and beneficial impacts such as commercial and recreational fishing, farm workers, power production, and other third party impacts.

#### **Summary**

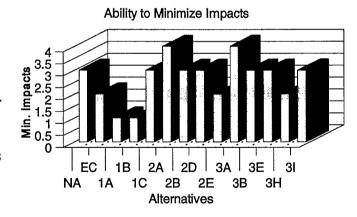
Neither adverse or beneficial socio-economic impacts have yet been evaluated in detail. At this time, only qualitative assessments of the adverse socio-economic impacts are shown. The beneficial socio-economic impacts require more complete economic analyses. Alternative variations 1A and 1B are judged to have the most adverse socio-economic impacts due to the amount of agricultural land and water needed to be purchased for the environmental program. Alternative variations 2E and 3H have relatively high impacts due to the large conversion of in-Delta agricultural land to in-Delta water conveyance/habitat. Socio-economic impacts are not a major discriminator for the other alternatives.

The chart at the right shows preliminary estimates of how the alternatives can minimize socio-economic impacts. Since lower impacted acres are the most desirable, Table 15.1 provides a score of "5" to the lowest impacts and a score of "0" to the highest impacts.

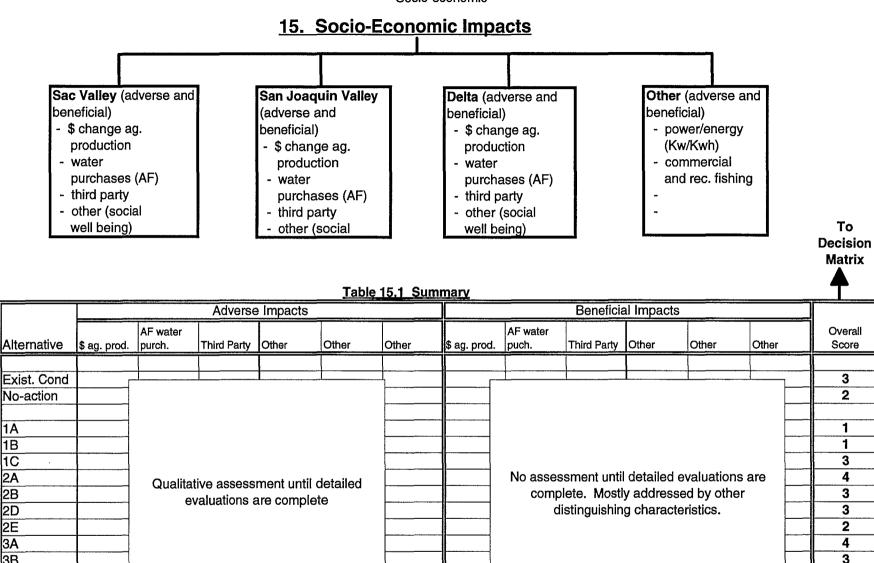
### **Supporting Information for Table 15.1**

See summary above and table 15.1.

# Socio-economic Impacts



0=high impacts, 5 = low impacts



Values are on a scale from 0 to 5; with 0 representing the most adverse socio-economic impacts and 5 representing the least.

1A

1B

1C

2A

2B

2D

2E

ЗА

3B

3E

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